(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far these norms are more transparent and would provide maximum satisfaction both to the students and the staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The transfer guidelines effective from 14.3.2006 describe the method to be followed in effecting transfers within Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) with the objective of deploying available staff in an optimal manner with special regard to priority area, so as to protect academic interest of students and administrative efficiency while maximizing overall satisfaction of the employees. Transfers within the jurisdiction of the regional offices have been entrusted to Regional Transfer Committees. There is also provision for counseling in certain cases. The guidelines have been displayed on the KVS web-site www.kvsangathan.nic.in. To make the transfer guidelines more transparent, details of vacancy position, priority lists and other vital information have been made available on the web-site of the KVS.

Online test for Bio-informatics courses

1341. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to introduce a national level online test for various courses in bio-informatics;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the use of adopting such methods?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) During the year 2005-06, the Department has introduced a Bio-informatics National Certification Examination (BINCE) Test through the University of Pune, Pune in association with Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi; Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai, Anna University, Chennai, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and Bose Institute, Kolkata. However, this examination is not on-line.

(c) This Test seeks to provide an accreditation to students passing various courses in bio-informatics meeting certain bench-mark standards.

Urdu schools on the pattern of NVs

†1342. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to set up Urdu schools on the lines of Navodaya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of States that have been chosen for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The Standing Committee of the National Monitoring Committee for Minority Education has made a recommendation to this effect. However, there is no decision in this regard during the current Five Year Plan.

Mission for secondary education

1343. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning/proposing to launch a mission for secondary education;

(b) how Government would generate the resources for such a mission; and

(c) the core agencies to execute and monitor the mission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) A concept note on universalization of access to and improvement of quality of secondary education has been prepared and sent to the Planning Commission. The proposal is at a preliminary stage and modalities of resource generation and implementation of the proposed scheme have not been finalised.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.